

**CITY OF DEXTER  
ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee was called to order at 7:02 pm at 3515 Broad St.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members:

Rich Bellas (Chair) – Present  
Willoughby (Vice Chair) – Present  
Sanam Aldag (Ex Officio) – Present (Arr. 7:30pm)  
Phil Arbour – Present (Dep. 8:47pm)  
Lynn Babcock – Present  
Gini Davis – Present  
Jason Fogelson – Present  
Beverly Hill – Present  
Anna Oostendorp – Present  
Andrew Thomas – Present  
Vacancy

Student Representatives:

Connor Koch – Absent  
Hannah Olson – Present

Others Present: Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Fogelson; Second by Willoughby to approve the minutes from March 1, 2023 with the following amendment(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Arbour; Second by Hill to approve the agenda with the following addition(s):

- None

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Adopted

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

**REPORTS**

**A. CHAIR**

Chair Bellas commented about buckling down on Paint Dexter and Bicentennial fundraising

**B. STAFF REPORT**

Staff provided the following updates to ACH:

- Staff meeting with Destination Ann Arbor to discuss the Bicentennial
- Staff working on Bicentennial celebrity letters
- Provided an update on the temporary sculptures

- Question asked regarding if a specific sculpture was two-sided or not?
- Provided some information about Parks & Rec's upcoming Easter Eggstravaganza

## **C. CITY COUNCIL**

## **D. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

## **E. PROJECT UPDATES FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Discussion of: Paint Dexter**

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee discussed the following related to Paint Dexter:

- Staff provided some updates on Paint Dexter:
  - 35 Emerging and 36 Professional artists has registered
    - Staff is expecting a wait list will be needed
  - An expected increase in collected fees over previous year
  - Asked ACH about some questions posed by a potential sponsor
  - Call for jurors has been sent to Creative Washtenaw
- Bellas provided an update on Erratic Ale for artist reception
- Willoughby spoke with Jolly Pumpkin about beer sponsor for this year
- Thomas asked some questions regarding the Paint Dexter budget and an adverse weather plan
  - Staff to reach out to Dexter Daze regarding adverse weather plan
- ACH reviewed artist feedback from the previous Paint Dexter:
  - Lighting improvements
  - Price floor for paintings?
  - Reach out to galleries?
  - How to reach more markets?
  - Including artist bios next to artist in Gallery Tent
    - Use a QR code
  - Nocturne condensed to specific location?
    - Downtown?
  - Quick Draw boundary to include Forest Lawn Cemetery and Grandview Commons

#### **B. Discussion of: Bicentennial Celebration**

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the Bicentennial Celebration:

- Staff provided an update on Bicentennial marketing items
- Hill mentioned how to commemorate kids that did art for the light pole banners?
- Willoughby provided the following update related to the Bicentennial:
  - Update of walkers for Memorial Day parade
  - Found someone to lead storytelling project
  - Historical society books
  - Artist interested in completing a mosaic art project at City Hall
- Bellas pinged Mayor Keough on how the City would like to participate in the Opening/Closing ceremonies
- Thomas mentioned that the DCO found a composer for their Bicentennial composition

#### **C. Discussion of: 2023 ACH Outreach and Project Timeline**

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee discussed the following related to the ACH Outreach/Events:

- This item remains on the agenda so that ACH can keep track of upcoming events
- ACH went through some of the open assignments on the project list

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**ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS=**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Hill; Second by Oostendorp to adjourn at 8:52pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote  
Motion Adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Tanghe  
Assistant to the City Manager